

HB 4141 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 02/22/22

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

House Vote

Yeas: 8 - Boshart Davis, Evans, Lewis, McLain, Nathanson, Noble, Pham, Power

Senate Vote

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Boquist, Findley, Frederick, Gorsek

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/10, 2/15, 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Task Force on Renewable Diesel, consisting of nine voting members appointed by the Governor, four non-voting legislative members appointed by the Speaker and Senate President, and three nonvoting ex officio members representing Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Quality, and Department of Energy. Directs Task Force to study availability of renewable diesel in Oregon and incentives for increasing its availability; to develop estimates of current and future demand for diesel fuels, both statewide and regionally; and to analyze cost differences between renewable diesel and other fuels, and to estimate supply and demand effects of restricting petroleum diesel sales. Authorizes Task Force, with approval of majority of members, to study or develop recommendations on matters related to availability of renewable diesel. Requires Task Force to submit report to legislative committees related to environment by December 31, 2022. Designates Department of Agriculture and Department of Energy to staff Task Force. Sunsets January 2, 2023. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- State greenhouse gas reduction and air quality goals
- Health impacts of diesel emissions
- Similarities and differences between petroleum diesel and renewable diesel
- Use of renewable diesel in newer and older trucks
- Production capacity of renewable diesel
- Fleets that have converted to renewable diesel
- Impact of renewable diesel on vehicle maintenance
- Alternatives to renewable diesel
- Membership of proposed task force

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Renewable diesel is an advanced biofuel that is made from similar sources used for biodiesel, but is created using a process that involves heat, pressure, and hydrogen to create a cleaner fuel that is also suitable for use in diesel engines. Renewable diesel generally has a lower carbon intensity than petroleum diesel, while also having superior cold-weather performance compared to biodiesel fuel.

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House Bill 4141 A creates the Task Force on Renewable Diesel to study the production and availability of renewable diesel, as well as potential incentives to increase its availability. The Task Force is authorized to develop recommendations and present them to the Legislative Assembly for consideration.